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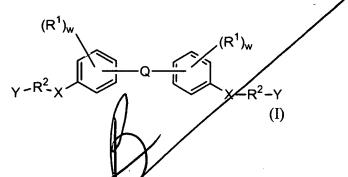
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Before taking up the above-identified application for examination, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-39 and add the following new claims 40-74:

40. A compound of formula I:



wherein:

Q is -O-, $-S(O)_m$ -, $-(CR^5R^6)_p$ -, $-O(CR^5R^6)_r$ O-, or $-N(R^k)$ -;

each R1 is independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or Ra;

each R² is independently a covalent bond or alkylene; wherein alkylene is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents independently selected from R^b;

each X is independently oxy (-O-) or -N(R^m)-;

each Y is independently a heterocyclyl containing at least one nitrogen atom, wherein each nitrogen of the heterocyclyl is substituted with R³ and wherein each heterocycle of Y is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 substituents independently selected from R⁴;